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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, CZ, UR
SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT BEGINS MAY 30

REF: PRAGUE 1327

1. BREZHNEV'S AIRCRAFT TOUCHED DOWN AT PRAGUE'S RUZYNE AIRPORT MAY 30 AT 10:45 A.M. LOOKING TANNED AND HEARTY ON OUR TV SCREEN (DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS NOT RPT NOT CONVOKED FOR ARRIVAL, BUT WILL BE PRESENTED TO BREZHNEV LAST DAY OF VISIT JUNE 2). BREZHNEV WAS GREETED BY PRESIDENT AND PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY HUSAK AND ALL OTHER PARTY AND STATE LEADERS, SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF, AND COMMANDANTS OF SOVIET AND WP FORCES RESIDENT HERE. NATIONAL ANTHEMS WERE PLAYED AND BREZHNEV REVIEWED HONOR GUARD, BUT NO SPEECHES WERE EXCHANGED.

2. SMALL MOTORCADE THEN PROCEEDED TO PRAGUE CASTLE
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ON HRADCANY, WHERE BREZHNEV WAS GREETED WITH SOVIET ANTHEM AND ANOTHER HONOR GUARD. DELEGATION THEN DISAPPEARED INTO CASTLE, WHERE FIRST NORMAL TALKS WERE TO BE HELD. TV ANNOUNCER INFORMED US THAT PROGRESS OF THESE TALKS WOULD BE REPORTED ON REGULAR NEWS BROADCASTS.

3. PRAGUE IS ENJOYING UNCOMMONLY GOOD WEATMGR AND IS
HEAVEILY DECORATED WITH CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET FLAGS AND
THEMES EMPHASIZING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION.
RENT-A-CROWD SYSTEM WORKED WELL AS USUAL, BUT POPULAR
ENTHUSIASM WAS LESS THAN OVERWHELMING.

4. BREZHNEV ENTOURAGE INCLUDES POLITBURO MEMBER
SHCHERBITSKY (UKRAINIAN FIRST SEC.), CC SECRETARY
RUSAKOV, DEPUTY PREMIER ARKHIPOV, AND DEPUTY FONMIN
MALTSEV.
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